



Kahikatea Kirkwood

Intermediate School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. Term 3 has begun well, with a number of new students attending our school. We have welcomed students from China, Japan and South Korea as well as students from other parts of Christchurch and New Zealand. We hope that all of our students enjoy the time that they spend with us, and learn much from the experience.

At the end of last term progress reports were available to parents and whānau through the Hero App. I hope you were all able to access these easily and found the reports worthwhile. If you have any thoughts on these reports I would appreciate you letting the school know. Many things in education have been changing at quite a rapid pace lately and this includes the way we are asked to report to parents and whānau. Any feedback would be appreciated. Following the mid-year reports we have times scheduled for Teacher-Parent-Child interviews. The first set are tonight, with the second opportunity being next Monday. I do hope you have been able to schedule some time with your child's teacher. If you have any difficulty accessing the schedule please feel welcome to contact the school office.

Next **Wednesday 29 July** we have a meeting of the Friends of the School/PTA at 2:00pm at school. All parents are most welcome to attend. Please come to the office and we will direct you to the meeting from there.

Term 3 is usually a very busy term but it is good to see the days start to get a little longer and the weather better as we head towards spring. This term we have one scheduled Teacher Only Day – Monday 24 August. This is the final day of Mathematics Professional Learning and will, most likely, be the last Teacher Only Day for this year. We would like to thank you for your support and understanding.

It has been positive to see the increasing amount of interest from families looking to enrol at our school both this year and for 2027. If you know of anyone interested in sending their children to our school could you please ask them to ensure they have their applications in to the school by the end of August. Currently we are reasonably sure that we will be able to accept all applications for Year 7 next year if we have received the required paperwork by the due date. Your help in promoting our school is very valuable and very much appreciated.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school. I know all the staff are looking forward to a great term 3. We look forward to working with you and your children.

Ngā mihi nui

Phil Tappenden
Principal



2027 Enrolments

We are accepting 2027 enrolment applications until 31 August 2026.

Please visit our Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate [School website](#) to complete an online enrolment application and [email](#) copies of the required documentation (as listed on the Enrolment Form) to the school office

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Teacher-Parent-Child Interviews

Teacher-Parent-Child interviews are being held on the following days:

Thursday 23 July 3:15 pm – 7:00pm

Monday 27 July 3:15pm – 7:00pm

If you have not yet booked your interview please contact the school office

School App

Our school uses the **Hero APP** for communicating to our school community.

This is also our **emergency contact system**.

Please click on the following link for instructions on how to download:

[Hero App](#)



Download the Hero App today





Absentees Reminder

Ministry of Education message to Whānau

Ākonga/students are legally required to attend school every day. Support is available for families of children who are struggling to attend.

- *Parents play a big role in helping their child do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they are sick.*
- *Parents must make sure children are enrolled and attend school every day.*
- *Family holiday or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not considered acceptable reasons for being absent by the Ministry of Education and absentee children will be recorded using the Ministry's code.*

What are my legal responsibilities as a parent or caregiver?

Regularly attending school helps students to get the most out of their education.

Children must be enrolled in a school. If they leave a school you need to make sure you enrol them in the new school right away.

You must let the school or kura know if your child is going to be absent for a day, or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

You are responsible for letting the school know if your child is moving schools.

Getting help if your child is not attending regularly

We know there can be important reasons why children aren't coming to school, such as long-term illness, bullying, or financial challenges for families. If your child is affected by any of these, talk to your school first.

Your school will work with you to remove barriers to attending. There are many kinds of support available that might help make it easier for students to come to school. Your school might also connect you with other agencies or alternative education pathways.

You are able to view the attendance Pathway on our website

- [Attendance Pathway](#).

Please refer to the Ministry of Education website for more information.

International Food Festival

Thank you for your support with our International Food Festival we held during our cultural week in Term 2. We were able to raise approximately \$1,200. This money will be used towards purchasing cultural uniforms.



Policies for Review Term 3

Term 3 policies

- **School Community Engagement Policy**
- **Inclusive School Culture**
- **Enrolment**
- **Student Attendance**
- **Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations**
- **Concerns and Complaints Policy**

We invite you to visit the site at <http://kirkwood.schooldocs.co.nz/> or click on the [link](#)

Our username is **kirkwood** and password **Kahikatea** .

If you would like to make any comments with regards to these policies please follow the instructions below:

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- Visit the website <http://kirkwood.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
- Enter the username (kirkwood) and password (Kahikatea).
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
- Read the policy.
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you do not have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.





CAIMS Sport Code of Conduct

Kia ora koutou

The CAIMS group, along with the sport coordinators of participating schools, have put together a Code of Conduct to proactively mitigate challenges on the courts, fields and turfs that our students play on each week.

If your child participates in sport, we would be grateful if you could read over the Code of Conduct with your child - please click on the following link - [Code of Conduct](#)

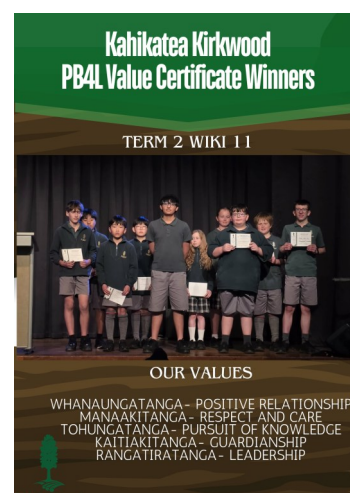
Our Kahikatea students always strive to achieve our values when playing sports out in the community.

Ngā mihi

Lawrence Botting & Micaela Brensell
Sport Coordinators

Value Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the Classroom and Technology Value certificate winners for Term 2, Week 11.



Friends of the School (PTA)

Friends of the school (PTA) meeting at 2:00pm on Wednesday 29 July. Please meet in the office foyer and we will direct you to the meeting from there.

All are welcome to attend.

School Bank Details

Account Name: *Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate Board*

Account Number: *12-3147-0180900-00*

Particulars: *Child's name (surname and first name)*

Reference: *Parent's/caregiver's name (surname and first name)*

For those of you who wish to pay by internet banking for any school activities during the year, please make sure you submit your online permission along with your payment.



Year 8 Rocketry

For the past term, the Year 8 classes have been learning about Flight. They have been making rockets and experimenting with different designs preparing for the Year 8 Interclass Rocket Competition.

The classes each crafted their own perfect rocket and on Thursday 2 July all the classes took their best rockets and put them against each other in a challenge to win the class rocket trophy.

It was very thrilling and the winning class turned out to be Room 9 with a whopping Kahikatea Kirkwood record of 76 Metres! Congratulations to them and a huge thank you to Mrs Blankley and the Year 8 Teachers.

Thaddeus and Ado from Room 13



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by Monday 17 August. To order online, please follow the instructions below:

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club. Log in, or create a new account at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile;
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class;
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for);
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue;
5. Make payment via credit card.





Year 8 Wellington Camp

The total cost for the 2026 Wellington camp is \$790. **Deposits of \$300 should have been paid. The final balance is due by 21 August.** Any queries please contact the school office.

Please make payment via internet to the following school bank account :

Account Name:

Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate Board;

Account Number: 12-3147-0180900-00;

Particulars: Child's name (surname first);

Reference: Wellington camp.



Wellington Camp Dates

The Year 8 classes will be leaving for Wellington camp on the following dates in Term 4:

Week 2

- Monday 19 - 22 October - Room 13
- Tuesday 20 - 23 October - Room 12

Week 3

- Tuesday 27 - 30 October - Room 4
- Monday 2 - 5 November - Room 9

Week 4

- Tuesday 3 - 6 November - Room 3

Please mark these dates on your calendars.





Home Stay Families

We are looking into the future for homestay families to host short and long term international students for 2026 & 2027.

For those interested please contact Alison Xie, our International Director alisonxie@kirkwood.school.nz. Alison will give you a Homestay Application form along with a Police Vetting form. These need to be filled out and delivered to the school office. Thank you

Kahikatea Kirkwood Blues Awards

We offer Blues Awards for Academic, Cultural and Sports.

The goal of our Blues Awards are to:

- ◆ Acknowledge the achievement and attainment of our students;
- ◆ Acknowledge the depth and breadth of their attainment; and
- ◆ Acknowledge citizenship and students who display our school values;
- ◆ Encourage students to strive;
- ◆ Place a high value on 'In-school' achievement.

For details regarding eligibility criteria please visit our website:

[Blues Award Criteria and Application Form](#)

Period Products

Period products are available at the school office at no cost.

Lunch Orders (Friday's only)

You can order lunch via Ezlunch on Fridays by simply [clicking here!](#)

Sushi Ninja and Subway is available and will be delivered in time for lunch.



You may order (or cancel) **before 9am** on this day or schedule in advance. Click [here](#) to view the menu.

Orders are made online through your MyKindo account. One account for the whole family! Please [Click here](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

Note: for Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 869 5200 weekdays 8am-4pm.

www.mykindo.co.nz

www.ezlunch.co.nz



Parakuihi Club/ Breakfast Club



At Kahikatea Kirkwood we are fortunate to have a **Parakuihi Club/Breakfast Club** before the school day starts on Monday - Friday from 8:20am - 8:40am.

We've got yummy cereals and toast with delicious spreads – all free, all for you! Bring your friends, fill your tummy, have a chat with the youth workers and get ready for a great day.

Thanks to our awesome sponsors: Anchor, Sanitarium, and Woolworths Church Corner.

Please look at the Daily Notices on our website for more information.

Road Safety

Please can you emphasise to your children how important it is to cross Riccarton Road at the pedestrian crossing by Wharenui Road.

If you are dropping your child off opposite the school, they must walk down the road to this crossing. Please do not help them to cross opposite the school.

Thank you

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

School Driveway

Please ensure you **do not** drive up the school driveway (Riccarton Road & Kirkwood Avenue entrances) to drop off or pick up your children either before or after school. It is too unsafe for our children.

Please plan to pick up and drop off your child outside the Kirkwood grounds. Kirkwood Ave and Karamu Street are good options.

Thank you for your support with this

Dairy

Many children may be tempted to visit the dairy after school to buy food and drink. However we ask students not to visit our local dairy after school as they are not allowed on the bus with these items.

We suggest that you make an alternative plan with your child if they are hungry after school.



Community Notices

Kip McGrath - Does your child need extra help or extension? Is your child ready for high school? We can help at Kip McGrath Avonhead with face to face, small group tutoring with actual trained teachers. Help your child build confidence in a safe environment. Book for a free assessment visit our [website](#) or phone 03 3427110.

Sports/Clubs

Harmony School of Music - Classes in keyboard, guitar and singing. Gold coin donation if low income family. [Email](#) Trish for more information.

Luminaires - Acting and singing workshops at Cracroft Guiding Centre. Register [here](#).

Canterbury Rams - One season game left on Sunday 26 July at Parakiore. Buy your tickets [here](#).

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